(*g*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Registration has not given effect to certain promotions which have been ordered by the Government; if so, what action has been taken by the Government to carry out their orders?

A.—(*a*)

Compelled to resign	Nil.
Dismissed	9
Suspended	38
Fined	34
Increment stopped	99

(*b*) Appeals were preferred in twenty-five cases and in eight of these the punishments were either reduced or cancelled.

(*c*) Two.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) As regards the first part of the question, the hon. Member is referred to the list of registering officers. As regards the latter part, the promotions were recommended by the head of the department.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No.

Travelling allowance drawn by the Inspector-General of Registration.

* 52 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the total amount paid to the Inspector-General of Registration towards travelling allowance from 1922 to 1925?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the reply to the question No. 121 of the first Session of the Legislative Council held on 5th February 1924. The amount of travelling allowance drawn during 1923-24 and 1924-25 (including charges for conveyance of motor-car) were Rs. 6,836 and Rs. 4,832, respectively.

Transfers in the Registration Department.

* 53 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the Registration Department transfers are frequently made without adequate reason, to the great inconvenience of the officers concerned?

A.—No.

Co-operative Societies.

Audit of co-operative societies.

* 54 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken steps to devise means whereby they would be relieved of the cost of audit of co-operative societies;

(*b*) how far the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee regarding substitution of 'honorary' for 'official' agency in Co-operative Department have been carried out;

(*c*) the object of appointing honorary assistant registrars; and

(*d*) how far the object has been achieved?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1671, Development, dated 14th November 1923, and to paragraph 79 of the Registrar's administration report for the year 1923–24, both of which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 5 of the Registrar's administration report for 1923–24.

(*d*) Progress in this as in all other co-operative matters varies from district to district. In well-developed areas, the object with which Honorary Assistant Registrars are appointed has to some extent been achieved. In the more backward areas, it is too early to look for definite results.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what the areas are which he considers well developed and why he thinks so?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"From facts."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What facts? Is it from the number of societies or what?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"From the way in which work is done."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What are the ill-developed areas, Sir? Is the hon. the Minister aware that the Provincial Co-operative Conference is against the continuance of this system of appointing honorary assistant registrars?"

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Holidays for co-operative societies and banks

*55 *Q*.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether co-operative societies and banks observe more holidays than are notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act;

(*b*) and, if so, whether such practice has the approval of the Government; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government are inclined to bring co-operative societies and banks into a line with other banks?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no definite information.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is one for the directors and shareholders of societies and banks to decide. The Government do not propose to interfere with their discretion.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"I dare say that the Government is a constituent of the Imperial Bank, and the co-operative district banks are also constituents of the same. Does not the Government think that these banks should be brought into a line with the Imperial Bank?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"I have already explained that it is a matter to be settled between the shareholders and the directors of the banks concerned and that it is not a matter for the Government to interfere."